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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 6470

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SUBJECT: FRIDERICH'S VISIT TO WARSAW

1. IT APPEARS THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS ON OUTSTANDING POINTS AT ISSUE WERE REACHED DURING FRG ECONOMIC MINISTER FRIDERICH'S VISIT TO WARSAW DECEMBER 12-14. GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER POLES HAD DEVELOPED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND JOINTLY FINANCED PROJECTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAD NOT AND THAT FRIDERICH'S CONVERSATIONS WITH POLISH MINISTERS OF MINING AND POWER, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND MACHINE INDUSTRY WERE CONSEQUENTLY LARGELY OF EXPLORATORY NATURE. FRIDERICH'S ALSO SAW PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ, FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OLECHOWSKI.

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2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE, WHO WAS PRESENT AT TALKS,

SAYS THAT ONE TOPIC DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL WAS PROPOSAL FOR EXPORT OF POLISH ELECTRIC POWER TO WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY. GERMANS ARE PROPOSING SINGLE TRANSMISSION LINE FROM POLAND TO WEST BERLIN AND ON TO WEST GERMANY. POLES PREFER TWO LINES, ONE TO EACH DESTINATION. COMMENT: WHILE WE CAN SEE THAT THE FRG CAN ENVISAGE POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM A DIRECT ELECTRIC-POWER LINK BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY BEING CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF AN AGREEMENT WITH POLAND, IT IS LESS EASY TO IMAGINE WHAT THE PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE. EVEN IF IT WERE TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO REVERSE THE CURRENT FLOW IN AN EMERGENCY, THE EAST GERMANS WOULD REMAIN TECHNICALLY CAPABLE OF CUTTING IT OFF AT WILL, ASSUMING THAT THEY EVER PERMITTED IT TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FIRST PLACE. END COMMENT.

3. NEITHER SIDE SEEMS UNDULY CONCERNED BY THE FAILURE OF FRIDERICH'S TO REACH CONCRETE AGREEMENTS. THE GERMAN EMBASSY REGARDS HIS VISIT AS PART OF AN ONGOING PROCESS AND IS OF THE OPINION THAT MORE IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE WORKING PARTIES, ONE OF WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN BONN ON JANUARY 22 TO DISCUSS CREDIT TERMS AND THE OTHER TO ME T ON JANUARY 25 TO TALK ABOUT REPATRIATION AVATTADU

4. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT GIEREK'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW INVOLVED ANY SOVIET DISPLEASURE WITH THE PACE OF WEST GERMAN-POLISH ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF OFFICIAL VISITORS OR POLISH AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE REPATRIATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FROM POLAND. DAVIES

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